

## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.  
PCT/JP 00/04838

## V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

## 1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	6-13, 16-32	YES
	Claims	1-5, 14-15	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	16-32	YES
	Claims	1-15	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-32	YES
	Claims		NO

## 2. Citations and explanations

- Document 1: WO, 97/21792, A1 (New Japan Chemical Co., Ltd.), 16 June 1997 (16.06.97)
- Document 2: JP, 4-226193, A (Hoechst AG), 14 August 1992 (14.08.92)
- Document 3: JP, 10-130673, A (New Japan Chemical Co., Ltd.), 19 May 1998 (19.05.98)
- Document 4: US, 5342533, A (Mitsubishi Oil Co., Ltd.; Mitsubishi Electric Corp.), 30 August 1994 (30.08.94)
- Document 5: JP, 7-233385, A (Tonen Corp.), 5 September 1995 (05.09.95)
- Document 6: JP, 10-140170, A (Kao Corp.), 26 May 1998 (26.05.98)
- Document 7: JP, 6-25683, A (Kao Corp.), 1 February 1994 (01.02.94)

Claims 1 to 5 and 14 to 15

The inventions described in Claims 1 to 5 and 14 to 15 are not novel and do not involve an inventive step in the light of Documents 1 to 3 cited in the international search report.

Document 1 discloses an ester of an alicyclic polycarboxylic acid. Documents 2 and 3 disclose an ester of an aromatic carboxylic acid. Based on the last phrase

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